

1954

11TH ANNUAL REPORT

CAMP PERROT

MONTREAL Y.M.C.A.

Chairman, Boys' Camping Committee -
Scott F. Kneeland.

Chairman, Camp Perrot Committee -
Gordon Mackey.

Director - Donald Cochrane

Camp Committee

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To The Boys' Camping Committee,
Montreal Y.M.C.A.

Gentlemen;

In spite of poor camping weather, the Boys' Camp had a near capacity registration.

We were fortunate again in acquiring the able leadership of Mr. Robert Kneeland, Mr. William MacRae and Mr. William Osterman, who are all veteran staff members of Camp Perrot. With such highly skilled leadership and the return of half of the 1953 Counsellors, a successful eleventh year of operation was enjoyed by all.

PROGRAM

INTEREST GROUPS:

A step forward in the Interest Groups program was the inclusion of staff members wives. Their leadership, particularly in leatherwork, was a great boon to the program.

Secondly, rather than following the established practice of limiting this program to the mornings, we held two crafts periods. Half the camp used the facilities in the morning and the remaining half used them in the afternoon. This procedure doubled the use of the craft shop, 40 boys per day as against 20. Thus all but 20 boys in a 100 used the craft shop in a two week period, and as the average stay was 2.7 weeks this year, we can assume that all campers got an opportunity to use the shop.

This system also freed all other facilities on the camp for those who were not at crafts.

Other groups were: canoeing, braiding and knots, leatherwork, carving and archery.

TRIPPING:

Once again the Perrot war-canoes were in constant use. With the addition of another canoe donated by Kamp Kanawana, we were able to keep three canoes out, and one at camp for instructional purposes.

The water routes between Perrot and Carilon is so familiar to our older campers that much discussion centered around possible trips on the Ottawa River above the Carilon and Grenville locks.

There were 16 canoe trips this year ranging from 2 to 5 days each. Five boys of the Rangers totalled 14 days each.

INDIAN COUNCIL
FIRES:

The weekly meeting of the tribes proved as interesting as ever. Doug Smith, our Business Manager, joined the council with much enthusiasm. In a great ceremony he was made blood-brother to Chief Black Bear (Bill MacRae) and was named Chief Three Arrows.

Another totem pole was completed this year.

PERROT PENNY
CIRCUS:

Fourteen different booths were made by the boys for the fair. The Wheel of Fortune, an Auction, Ping Pong Bounce Ball, Penny Toss and Soak you Pal were the most popular.

Parents were invited and they seemed to enjoy the fair as much as the campers did.

OTHER PROGRAM
HIGHLIGHTS:

Other highlights were the Back woodsman Day, Backwards Day, Indian Decathlon, Masquerade Birthday Party, Novelty Field Day, a play by the staff, Skit Nights, a movie, and finally the closing banquet.

On Sunday afternoons we held the usual swim meets, regattas, waterpolo tournaments and crafts displays.

WATERFRONT:

The weather did not favour our swimming program. Even so 60 boys passed YMCA Cards and 11 boys passed from red cords (non-swimmer) to green cord (one length of the pool)

HEALTH

The health of the campers was good. Most cases were of a minor nature. There were two more serious cases; a recurrence of a dislocated knee during Boys' camp and a sprained back during Girls' Camp.

Unfortunately the weight records were misplaced. I am sure that with the improved menus, there would have been a corresponding improvement in the average gain in weight over last year's $3\frac{1}{2}$ pounds per camper.

PAINTING:

The "Parliaments" was painted this Spring. The dining hall floor and gallery were given their annual coats. The gallery of the hospital was also painted.

GROUND:

The ground around the dining hall was leveled which greatly enhances the appearance of this building.

REFORESTATION:

100 Spruce were transplanted from the back of the property to the area around the tents.

Many of the 10,000 Spruce planted at the back of the camp have died or are so grown over that they cannot be found.

BUILDINGS:

All broken windows were repaired this year.

BUNKS:

All bunks were repaired and strengthened.

TENT PLATFORMS:

All tie-rails were reenforced.

CESSPOOL SYSTEM:

The dining hall cesspool was emptied as the overflow was appearing on the surface again.

DINING HALL:

A sound system with four 10inch speakers and an ampliphier was attached to our three-speed gramophone. We now have music with our meals. This system was installed by Doug Smith, our Business Manager.

FOOD:

Industrial Caterers did an excellent job this summer. The stoves burned almost continuoulsy as will be verified by the increased gas bill!!

TUCK:

The new tuck system worked extremely well and greatly lessened the many headaches of the Business Manager.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Some thought should be given to staff living quarters other than the cottage which is the camp administration building.
2. Some type of wash-house should replace the taps and mud-hole in the center of the camp.

3. Independent Grocers Alliance campers should not be accepted for periods less than two weeks. They hardly had a chance to adjust themselves to camp life before their parents arrived on a visiting day, and took them home. Also, most of these campers were French-speaking and found it difficult to fit in with boys who had already been at camp for one or two weeks.
4. All the dining hall tables need to be reenforced.
5. The exterior of the dining hall will need painting next Spring.
6. The cesspool for the cottage needs to be emptied and the lines repaired as it now leaks back into the cottage basement.
7. The wharves at the waterfront are beginning to break up. Some new ones will have to be constructed next Spring. Possibly Mr. O.N.H. Owen's suggestion of cement groins is the solution to both the wharves and erosion problems.

IN CLOSING

I would like to thank Mr. J. Ernest Millen for the bandsaw and his continued interest in the camp; all members of the advanced and rear guards for their many hours of voluntary work; the staff and counsellors of the Boys' and Girls' Camp; the Boys' Camping Committee; the Staff of The Montreal Y.M.C.A.; Miss Sheila Dover of the Camp Office and Mr. Roy D. Locke for their help in ensuring another successful season of camping.

My sincere thanks,

Respectfully submitted,
Donald Cochrane,
Director.

STATISTICAL REPORT

Camper Weeks

	<u>1950</u>	<u>1951</u>	<u>1952</u>	<u>1953</u>	<u>1954</u>
Boys	635	584	589	568	603
Girls	193	203	203	172	163
	<u>828</u>	<u>787</u>	<u>792</u>	<u>740</u>	<u>766</u>

Number of Individual Campers

Boys	199	177	205	177	196
Girls	100	105	103	86	82
	<u>299</u>	<u>282</u>	<u>308</u>	<u>263</u>	<u>278</u>

Number of Campers for each week of Camp

<u>Weeks</u>	<u>1953</u>	<u>1954</u>
June 30 - July 7	92	97
July 7 - July 14	92	97
July 14 - July 21	100	105
July 21 - July 28	101	103
July 28 - Aug. 4	96	103
Aug. 4 - Aug. 11	86	98
Aug. 12 - Aug. 19	86	81
Aug. 19 - Aug. 26	86	82
	<u>740</u>	<u>766</u>
Average stay per Camper	2.8 weeks	2.7 weeks

BOYS' CAMP STAFF - 1954.

Senior Staff

Donald Cochrane
W. R. Osterman
William MacRae
Bob Kneeland
Doug Smith
Stan Wasilewski
Miss Dorothy Arthur
Mrs. Isabelle Roe
Mrs. M. Osterman

Director
Intermediate Section Director
Junior Section Director
Crafts Director
Business Manager
Waterfront Director
Nurse
Nurse
Crafts Specialist

Counsellors

James McPhee
Tony Whithall
Bob Raymant
Ted Howard
Don Roberts
Ed Rieger
Bill Burden
Bob Beausoleil
Graham Harrison
Ken Tannahill

Counsellors

Pat Allen
John Copland
John Duckworth
Clifford Jones
John Curran
Bevan King
Jack Utsal
Richard Johnston
Peter Tekker

(Counsellors-in-Training)

John Tucker
Douchan Todorovitch
